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1. KOSYGIN'S ELECTORAL SPEECH JUNE 11 IS LARGELY UN-
INTERESTING IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS. HE DOES
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NOT EVEN MENTION THE MIDDLE EAST, FOR EXAMPLE, AND

TOUCHES ON CSCE ONLY VERY BRIEFLY. HIS DISCUSSION OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS IS ALSO UNUSUALLY BRIEF FOR A MAJOR SPEECH. THESE TOPICS MAY BE BEING RESERVED FOR A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT IN THE BREZHNEV SPEECH ON JUNE 13.

2. KOSYGIN NOTES THE IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD, NAMING SALT I AND THE PNW AS IMPORTANT BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH EXIST IN THAT AREA, ALONG WITH SEVEN MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS. HE CALLS FOR CONCRETE MEASURES TO STOP THE ARMS RACE "AND THEN MOVE TO ARMS REDUCTIONS," BUT MENTIONS SPECIFICALLY ONLY THE NEED FOR MORE NATIONS TO JOIN ALREADY EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND THE BENEFITS OF CONVENING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

3. IN HIS ONLY OTHER EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE U.S./ HE SAYS SOMEWHAT SHARPLY THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS IS HELD BACK BY THE "DISCRIMINATORY CHARACTER" OF THE DECEMBER LEGISLATION BY CONGRESS AND THAT THIS IS A "ZIG-ZAG" IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. BUT HE VOICES THE ASSUMPTION THAT "REALISM AND BUSINESS CALCULATIONS" WILL WIN OUT IN THE U.S. AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL BE NORMALIZED.
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